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E.O. 12065: GDS 4/6/87 (WRAPPELMEIER, BROOKS) OR-M
TAGS: SREF, PK, AF
SUBJECT: (U) AFGHAN AND ERITREAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: A) STATE 64535 NOTAL: B) KUWAIT 5878

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2. DURING APRIL 6 CALL
AMBASSADOR DREW ON POINTS CONTAINED REF A TO URGE THAT GOK
CHANNEL MORE OF ITS AID TO AFGHAN REFUGEES THROUGH UNHCR/REF
MECHANISM OR AT LEAST COORDINATE ITS BILATERAL AID EFFORTS
WITH UNHCR.

3. SAID THAT GOK "WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY" TO
COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY WITH UNHCR. HE RECALLED DELAYS IN
GETTING KUWAITI SHIPMENT OF KEROSENE TO AFGHAN REFUGEES LAST
WINTER BECAUSE OF HIS OWN DESIRE FIRST TO ASSURE THAT AID
WOULD REACH THE REFUGEES WITHOUT DIVERSION ENROUTE

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FROM KARACHI. AMBASSADOR ASSURED HIM THAT THIS IS

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PRECISELY SORT OF THING ON WHICH UNHCR CAN BE HELPFUL.
REMARKED THAT KUWAITI PRIVATE CHARITY TO
AFGHAN REFUGEES PROBABLY EXCEEDS AID FROM GOK.
COORDINATION OR EVEN REPORTING OF SUCH PRIVATE GENEROSITY
TO UNHCR WOULD BE DIFFICULT, HE ADDED, BECAUSE MANY
PIOUS KUWAITIS BELIEVE SUCH DONATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN
WITHOUT PUBLICITY. DONORS OFTEN GO THEMSELVES TO
PAKISTAN TO DISTRIBUTE THEIR AID IN PERSON.

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SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO HELPING AFGHANS,
GOK IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ERITREAN REFUGEES IN SUDAN.
HE HAD SENT MEMO TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS THE PREVIOUS
DAY RECOMMENDING ASSISTANCE (AMOUNT UNSPECIFIED BUT
PRESUMABLY TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CABINET) TO ERITREAN
DROUGHT VICTIMS. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT ERITREANS
ARE AMONG THOSE REFUGEE PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE
WHICH HAD JUST MENTIONED KUWAIT WILL ATTEND
(SEPTE.). GRAMPFMEIER

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